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July 1-September 30, 2003

Political

- 1) July 11 - Governor and his staff cannot be sued for violating state employees First Amendment rights.
- 2) July 15 - Lt. Governors from all over the country attend meetings in Little Rock.
- 3) July 21 - Little Rock voters decide whether they want to pay a 1/2 cent sales tax to fix crumbling streets and drains.
- 4) July 23 - Voters rejected tax increase to help improve roads.
- 5) July 23 - Story on General Wesley Clark amid speculations he'll run for president.
- 6) July 27 - Town Hall meeting tomorrow night in Pine Bluff to discuss possible sales tax.
- 7) Sept. 15 - Gen. Clark says he will announce Wednesday his intention to run for president.

Education

- 1) July 1 - Governor extends deadline for students to apply for state scholarships.
- 2) July 13 - Special Legislative Committee heads back to work Monday to look at teacher salaries and the state's education system.
- 3) Aug. 4 - Latest on the school consolidation effort.
- 4) Aug. 6 - Governor met today with superintendents from across the state to talk about education.

- 5) Aug. 16 - Pulaski County teachers finally come to an agreement on their contracts.
- 6) Aug. 21 - Governor sets date for special legislative session on education.
- 7) Aug. 22 - A dozen Little Rock schools are named on a list of failing schools.

Crime Prevention

- 1) July 3 - Benton is setting up a checkpoint to look for DUI offenders.
- 2) July 4 - Live shot from the state police checkpoint to catch drunk drivers on the fourth of July.
- 3) July 18 - New home opening for domestic violence cases.
- 4) July 14 - N. Little Rock votes to ask Parks Department to ban guns in city parks.
- 5) July 22 - Bryant police are trying tasers instead of guns to stop crimes.
- 6) July 23 - Group of police from Scotland Yard come to Arkansas to discuss ways to stop terrorism.
- 7) Aug. 4 - Little Rock airport receives funding to make themselves safer from terrorist attacks.
- 8) Aug. 16 - Communities making an effort to get all abandoned houses around Little Rock boarded up since they are sites of crime.
- 9) Aug. 25 - Counterfeit cash is pouring into Hot Springs.
- 10) Sept. 3 - Over 100 animals seized from a place where a man was stealing them to sell to research companies.
- 11) Sept. 15 - Dept. of Human Services investigates a daycare for leaving a child in a van in the hot sun. The child later died. There are now new regulations about children riding in a van.

Health Services and Medical Care

- 1) July 7 - Eligibility requirements have changed for women/children health programs.
- 2) July 9 - A look at different sun screens and how they protect you.
- 3) July 15 - Benton nursing home makes the necessary changes to keep its federal funding.
- 4) July 29- Clinic that provides low cost medical care to the Hispanic community has a new home.
- 5) Aug. 6 - Mold, mildew and asbestos are common problems in some of Arkansas' oldest schools.
- 6) Aug. 12 - Arkansas Dept. of Health confirms six people in Jefferson County have West Nile Virus.

Benefits and Festivals

- 1) July 12 - Annual Bikers for Babies fundraiser being held for March of Dimes.
- 2) July 18 - Annual 5k for Arthritis Foundation coming up soon.
- 3) Aug. 9 - Annual Miniature Golf Day set for Big Brothers/Big Sisters.
- 4) Aug. 10 - Annual Watermelon Festival in Hope.
- 5) Sept. 20 - Annual Blues Festival will be held downtown Little Rock.

Consumer

- 1) July 2 - Conway group meets to discuss the way the city is handling flooding problems in the area.
- 2) July 2 - Arkansas jobless rate is high.
- 3) July 3 - The state says its lakes are clean, but KARK checked it out and found health hazards.
- 4) July 4 - Tips on how to safely light fireworks

- 5) July 10 - How to protect your social security number from ID theft.
- 6) July 13 - Special report on safety of swimming pool waters and what bacteria and hazards lurk there.
- 7) July 14 - Understanding the Child Tax Credit.
- 8) July 23 - A wildlife refuge in NW Arkansas will stay open after paying a big tax bill.
- 9) Aug. 4 - A homeless shelter will move into the old Dillards building in Little Rock.
- 10) Sept. 2 - The USDA today gave Arkansas Dept. of Human Services \$3.9 million dollars to enhance its food stamp program.
- 11) Sept. 15 - Sixty five new jobs coming to Little Rock with openings of the Krispy Kreme chain.